

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 15-17 and 20, and a new Fig. 21. These sheets, which include Figs. 15-17, 20 and 21, replace the original sheets including Figs. 15-17 and 20. Annotated Marked-up Drawings are also attached. Comments regarding these drawings can be found below in the Remarks section of this paper.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets and Annotated Marked-up Drawings

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-26 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 19 have been amended to correct minor matters of form. The indication of allowable subject matter on page 5 of the Office Action is acknowledged with appreciation. For the reasons stated below, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Drawings

Replacement drawings are submitted herewith.

Applicants note that the drawings cannot show that the claimed diffuser is “comprised of a material substantially devoid of regular geometric objects.” This feature of the diffuser of the invention is discussed at, for example, paragraph [00111] which describes prior art that includes such geometric objects. The diffuser used in the context of the present invention, in contrast, is substantially devoid of such objects. Applicants respectfully submit that the “substantially devoid” limitation recited in claim 1 would be well-understood by those skilled in the art, and a “drawing” of this feature is neither practical nor necessary.

As for the “Fresnel-reflection reduction means” recited in claim 12, this feature corresponds, at least, to AR coating shown in Fig. 9 and discussed in paragraph [0092].

As for the Motheye structure recited in claim 14, a new Fig. 21 has been added that shows this well-known structure. See, for example, U.S. Patent 6,356,389, from which new Fig. 21 is derived.

As required by the Office Action, replacement sheets for Figures 15-17 and 20 (as well as new Fig. 21) are being submitted herewith for entry. Also submitted are Annotated Marked-up Drawings that show how Figures 15-17 and 20 have been modified. It is noted that the main modification in the graphs of Figures 15, 16 and 20 is that the lines have been darkened.

Specification

Finally, with respect to claims 18 and 26, which recite that a speckle contrast "is less than 6," this feature is described in paragraph [0042] of the specification. "Speckle" is a well-known characteristic in the optics art, as evidenced by the discussion of the prior art article in that paragraph. Thus, Applicants submit that there is sufficient disclosure in the specification for the claimed feature.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 19 have been amended to address the concerns raised in the Office Action.

Based on the above, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the claims and drawings be reconsidered and withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing, all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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Attachments: Replacement Drawing Sheets
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Annotated Marked-up Drawing

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Screen Measurement Comparisons
with Unpolarized Light Input

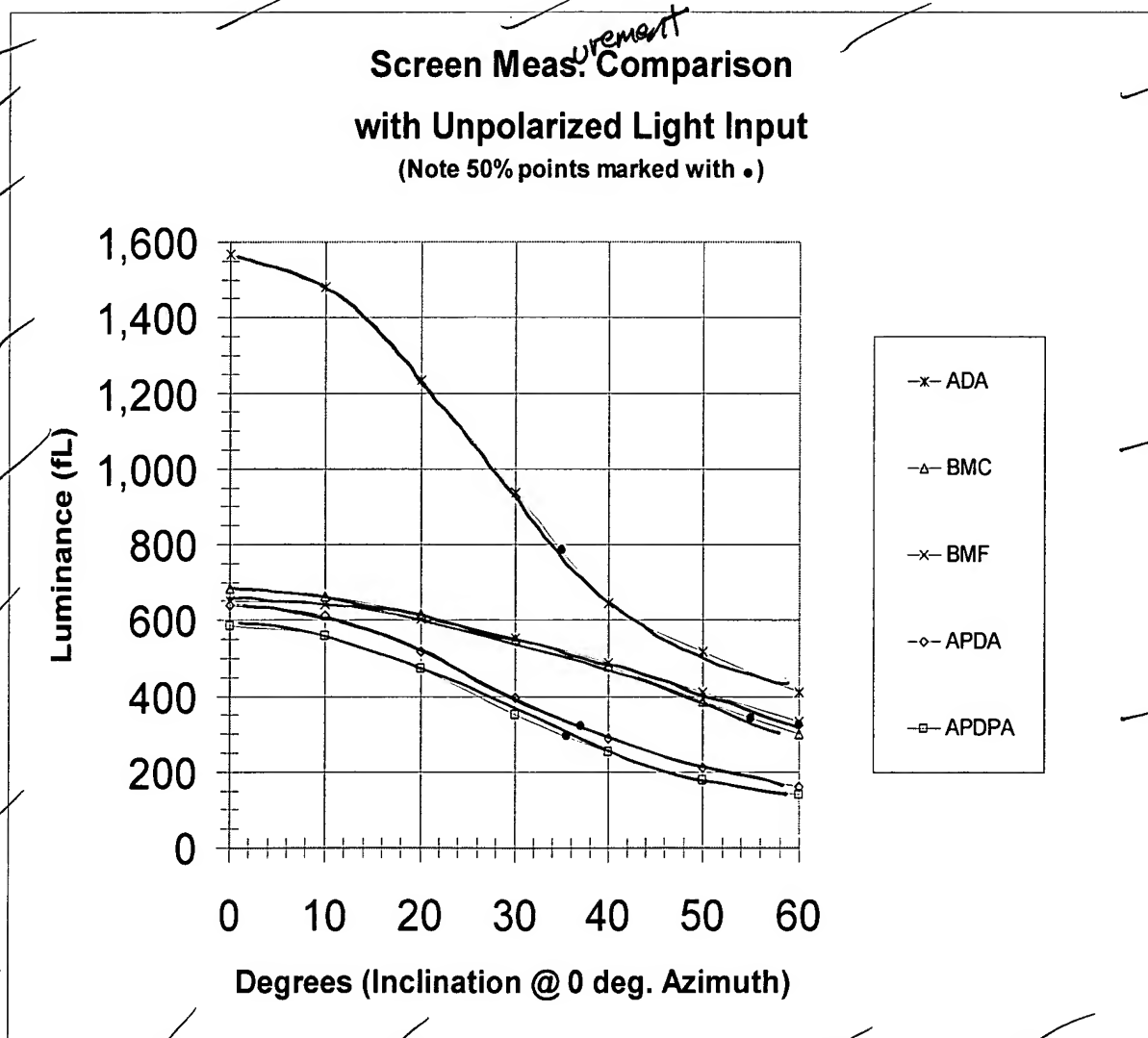


FIG.
Figure 15

Annotated Marked-up Drawing

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~~Screen Measurement Comparisons
with Polarized Light Input~~

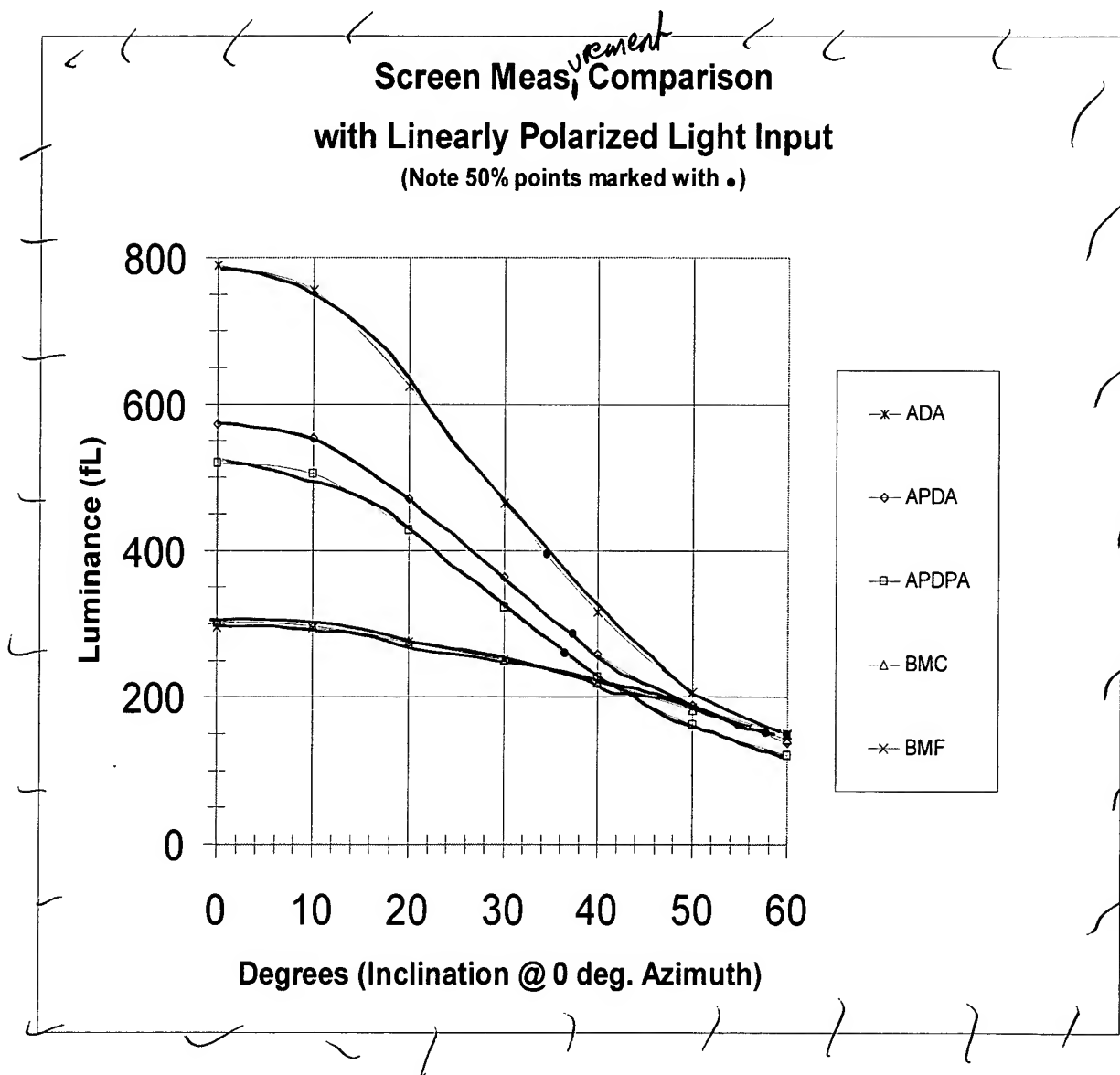


FIG
Figure 16

Annotated Marked-up Drawing

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Polar Plots of the Measurements Shown in Fig's 8 & 9

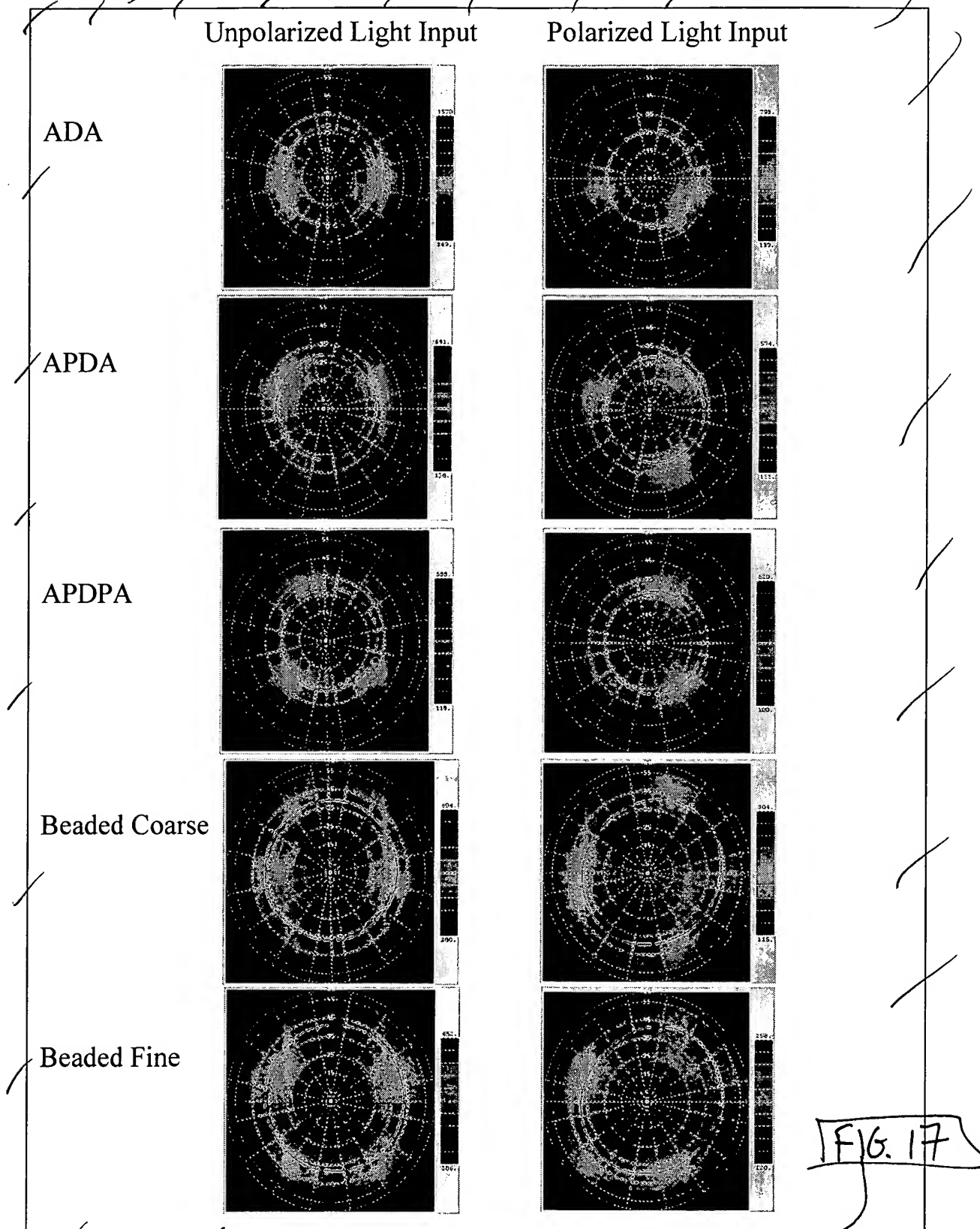


FIG. 17

Figure 17

Annotated Marked-up Drawing

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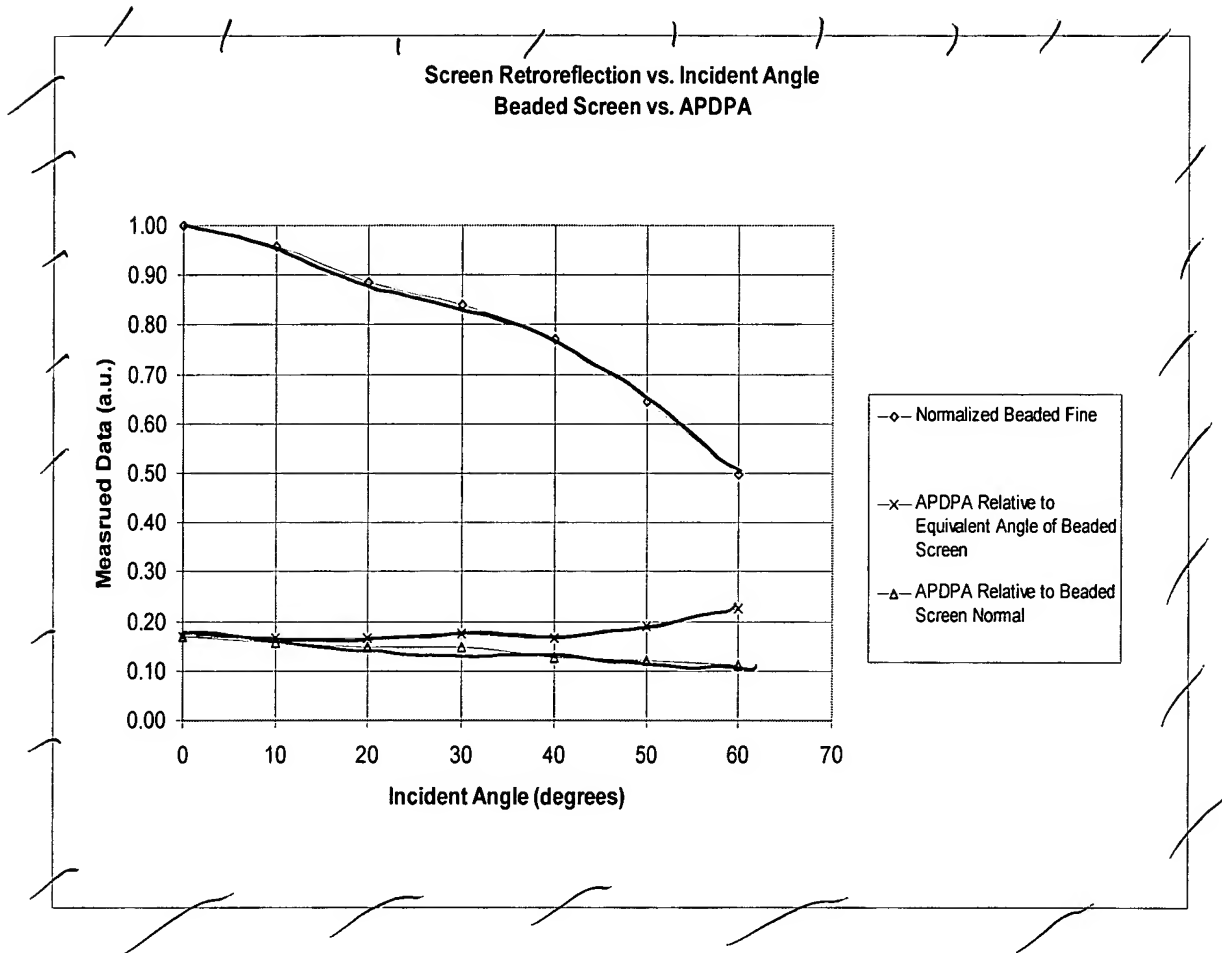


Figure 20